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Application of: Houthoff et al. erial No.: 10/047,874 Confirmation No.: 6706

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Sir:

METHODS FOR LABELING For:

**NUCLEOTIDES, LABELED NUCLEOTIDES AND USEFUL** 

**INTERMEDIATES** 

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	* 116	MINUS	•• 22	= 94
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SMALL	_	
RATE	ADDL. FEE	OR
x 9=	\$846.00	
x 42=	\$126.00	OR
x 140=	s	
TOTAL	\$ 972.00	

	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
l	RATE	ADDL.					
	x 18=	; s					
l .	x 84=	. s					
	x 280=	s					
	TOTAL	\$ 0.00					

[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-22 and add New Claims 23-137.

#### **CLAIMS**

#### 23. A labeled nucleotide having formula:

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nucleotide labeling

wherein:

X represents an aliphatic diamine; and